

GREATEST FARCE OF PRESENT DAY

Traffic in Government Publications May Result in Investigations.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, August 30.—Congress could not possibly begin a more praiseworthy or laudable undertaking at this time than to follow up the suggestion of Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, that an investigation be made of traffic in government publications, especially to ascertain what members of Congress, if any, are engaged in selling or swapping different kinds of publications, what revenues they derive therefrom, and what other persons, other than officially connected with Congress or otherwise, are carrying on this business.

Two years past it has been no secret here that many persons were each year reaping a nice little harvest in the traffic of government publications, which they, of course, received free, the people paying the bill. No one has ever investigated the matter, for the reason that it has been winked at much like the long-continued farce that has surrounded the yearly appropriation of thousands of dollars for free seed graft, and the payment to members of 20 cents a mile for railroad travel in coming to Washington. While spasmodic efforts from time to time have been made by certain members to cut out not only the mileage graft, but also the free seed proposition and the traffic in government publications, it has always been realized that the day is far distant when these things will come to an end.

So far as free seed and mileage are concerned, so much has been written about them that the subject has long since become hackneyed and hoary with age, but there are few persons who have paid enough attention to the traffic in congressional documents and government publications for the matter to ever get squarely before the public as about the greatest farce of the present day. It is true that not many members of Congress are engaged in this sort of thing, but there are not a few who legitimately send to their constituents every page of printed matter that they can get their hands on without swapping with their neighbors, unless it happen that a particular man has a constituency which has no need of certain documents, then a trade is made. On the other hand, it has been hinted here for many years that there have been certain persons who each year made a neat little pile in the publication business.

There are certain men working in Washington who in one way and another are said to do a thriving business in all kinds of government publications. They are just as busy day in and day out as any drummer on the road making a good thing out of swapping to one member a certain allotment of such matter that another will not receive, and in this way stimulating traffic in these publications.

Just what kind of publications and of what value the government gets out each year and distributes to members of Congress is not known to the general public, and doubtless never will be. These publications vary all the way from the one-page leaflet on eradication of the locust, to the elaborate Mexican pink boll worm to the costly and handsome volume of American history, and all the way up to the costly and handsome volume of American history, and all the way up to the costly and handsome volume of American history.

Only last year Senator Fletcher, of Florida, chairman of Congressional Joint Committee on Printing, found that book order books were being used as a means of buying government publications at a small cost and then selling them at a good price. He put the book order books in the hands of the printer, and as a result the superintendent of documents was ordered promptly to sell to the printer the same publication to the same person. That put a temporary stop to this traffic, but it is believed that the Congressmen follow the suggestion made by Congressman Ferris not a few members may be brought to the bar and made to disclose what information they may have regarding the government free book business in Washington as such line, and the swapping of such matter, together with the wholesale sending out of pumpkin, squash and turnip seed, and the like, which would keep the Congressmen in touch with the people at home, has never squared exactly with simple pure statesmanship.

P. H. McG.

DUAL TRACK MEET ON SEPTEMBER 20

Life Insurance Company of Virginia Athletes to Race First National Bank.

A dual track meet closed to the First National Bank Athletic Association and the Life Insurance Company of Virginia Athletic Association will be held on September 20. The challenge to the meet has been made and accepted, as the following correspondence will show:

Richmond, Va., August 29, 1913.
Secretary of the First National Bank Athletic Association,
Virginia, A. A. City.
Dear Sir:—The First National Bank Athletic Association hereby challenges your association to a dual track meet to be held on Saturday, September 20.

Hoping to have a favorable reply from you in the near future accepting this challenge, I remain,
Yours very truly,
(Signed) JOHN S. HAW,
Secretary.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 30, 1913.
Mr. John S. Haw, Secretary,
First National Bank Athletic Association,
Richmond, Va.
Dear Sir:—Your favor of August 29, addressed to the secretary of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia Athletic Association, has been referred to me.

The Life Insurance Company of Virginia Athletic Association hereby accepts your challenge for a dual outdoor track meet, to be held on Saturday, September 20, 1913.

We suggest that the joint committee to arrange the details of the meet be appointed as soon as possible.

In connection with this matter, we suggest that this dual track meet be made an annual affair between the two associations, and that steps be taken to get a suitable trophy, each association contributing equally for this purpose, said trophy to be competed for annually by the two associations, and to be kept at the headquarters of the association winning it each year, until it shall have been won three times by one or the other of the associations, when it is to become the absolute property of said association. The competition for this trophy to be confined exclusively to the Amateur Athletic Association of

Virginia Rifle Team, Which Is Taking Part in Contests at Camp Perry, Ohio



First row, left to right—Second Lieutenant C. L. Fletcher, observer; Sergeant J. C. Darnall, A. B. Percy, Jr., mascot; Sergeant W. W. Serrett, Sergeant O. B. Fisher, First Lieutenant John A. Pipkin.
Second row—First Lieutenant E. W. Ople, Captain H. L. Ople, Captain A. F. Grove, spotter; Lieutenant-Colonel B. B. Percy, coach; Colonel E. E. Goodwyn, observer; Major S. W. Martin, team captain; Captain C. M. Wallace, First Lieutenant L. S. Cappa.
Third row—First Lieutenant L. V. Pence, Sergeant G. M. Glickerson, Sergeant W. J. Rohr, First Lieutenant A. I. Schisler, First Lieutenant Nelson Wampler, Sergeant John W. Covington, Sergeant F. W. Plungier, Sergeant J. B. Lohr, Corporal E. S. Schisler, Corporal E. W. Cinterbaugh.

WILL BE IN CONTEST FOR PALMA TROPHY

The Life Insurance Company of Virginia and the First National Bank are inclined to believe that, should this course be pursued, the annual dual meet between these associations will become the amateur classic of Richmond.

Wishing your association every success, and assuring you of our willingness to co-operate with you at any time, or to aid you in any manner, I remain, with kind regards,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) F. H. S. MORRISON,
President, Life Insurance Company of Virginia Amateur Athletic Association.

JAMES M'MENAMIN RETAINS TITLE

Leads in Golf Tournament for Championship of Virginia. Teams Play Monday.

Hampton, Va., August 30.—The individual golf championship of the Virginia Golf Association, was decided today on the links of the Hampton Roads Golf Club, near this city, the winner being James McMenamin, of the local club. His score for thirty-six holes was 167. The second man in the match was Otto Parramore, of the same club, with a score of 168. All of the scores of the participants were high this year. The only brilliant round being by McMenamin, whose score for the first nine holes was thirty-seven, being record for the course. Players for Richmond, Roanoke, Lexington and Norfolk were entered, the scores for each individual player are given below:

	Total Holes.
W. C. Lacker.....	45 42 22 47 43 59 172
Hermiteage.....	45 39 24 43 47 93 174
R. H. Meade.....	45 39 24 43 47 93 174
J. A. Stass.....	45 46 51 44 45 59 159
H. S. Jones.....	41 43 44 42 45 87 171
O. W. Kilbridge.....	52 47 50 45 48 98 196
Roanoke.....	47 42 39 45 47 92 181
A. G. Hoover.....	47 42 39 45 47 92 181
Hermiteage.....	44 45 39 41 46 107 196
S. H. McVittie.....	52 53 105 50 54 101 259
Roanoke.....	42 47 40 43 47 99 179
H. W. Kilbridge.....	60 55 115 46 56 192 217
H. Hart.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
O. Parramore.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
G. Harrison.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
Richmond.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
T. P. Palen.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
Newport News.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
B. W. Vaughn.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
Lexington.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
W. H. Palmer.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
Richmond.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
J. M. Hume.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
Norfolk.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
John McMenamin.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
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Hampton.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168
James McMenamin.....	43 42 52 45 41 86 168

Richmond was represented by only one player, J. Hume.

Norfolk will send six players over to compete in the team match on Monday. Five clubs from Virginia will be represented by a team in the match for the championship of the State on Monday, September 1. The clubs represented are as follows: Country Club and Hermitage Golf Club, from Richmond; Norfolk Golf Club, from Norfolk; Roanoke Golf Club, from Roanoke; Hampton Roads Golf and Country Club, from Hampton. The morning's play consisted of eighteen holes medal play. The two lowest qualifying teams play for the championship of the State, while the remaining teams play for consolation. The championship cup is now the property of the Country Club of Virginia, from Richmond. Another cup will be presented to the individual player making the lowest qualifying score Monday morning.

The Hermitage Golf Club's men's handicap for September will take place Tuesday, September 16, and the handicap for women will be Friday, September 19. The winners are to receive a silver cup.

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IN THE WAKE OF THE GAME

BY GUS MALBERT.

For all practical purposes the Virginia League season ended yesterday. Petersburg by winning one and tying another with Norfolk, while Roanoke was breaking even with Richmond, looked the pennant in the strong box. By the same token, Roanoke has a most harrowing bulge on second place with a two and a half game lead over our heretofore hopefuls. They have fifteen more games to play in the Virginia League, and the real battle for this out will be for last place. Norfolk and Newport News have been considered the only bidders for the sub-way position, but Portsmouth is coming strong and may out both Tars and Builders from that negative honor.

Lamping the schedule it is found that Richmond has four games with Petersburg; four with Portsmouth; three with Norfolk, and concludes the season with four against Newport News. Roanoke has Newport News, eight times, four in Newport News and four in Roanoke; Portsmouth for three games at Roanoke and finishes the season with four games hard battling with the Goobers.

So far as the schedule is concerned no solace can be found for the Colts, nor is there any reason to build hopes that we will ultimately finish in second place. Roanoke has just as good a time as the Griffiths, while the Tigers are playing better baseball right now than the Colts. There's the rub. Just as well get better acquainted with third place and start preparing now for next season.

Chick Davis's father and mother watched him perform yesterday, and probably regarded their offspring with satisfaction. Chick gets no bushes on first, but he plays good, getting into three hits out of four tries in the first game. He made several really good shots.

One of the Washington recruits reported yesterday. His name is Yum Mooreland, the same Mooreland who played with Newport News earlier in the season. If his debut is any criterion of what he will do in the future he belongs, alright. Out of four times at bat he hit for a single and a double, scored three runs and accounted seven chances, several of them difficult, without an error.

Two other recruits were likewise on hand—Mr. Hines and Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson didn't do anything, but Mr. Harper managed to get put out of the game by umpire Norcum because he didn't know when to start coaching, and refused to stop, once he got started, whether there was anybody on or not. Note: They will probably not be lost to their amateur friends.

The wagging tongues are already wagging as to the managerial make-up of the Virginia League next season. Captain C. C. Duff, Texas, 427, Captain K. K. V. Casey, Pennsylvania, 432, Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Winder, Ohio, 433, Captain W. T. Waller, Marine Corps, 431, Lieutenant Robert Sears, First United States Infantry, 430, Sergeant J. H. Lawless, Massachusetts, 430, Captain Guy Emerson, Ohio, 429, Captain C. C. Duff, Texas, 427, Sergeant J. H. Wolford, Oregon, 425, Major Paul A. Wolf, United States Infantry, 425, Captain Emmett W. Eddy, of Ohio, ranked seventh with 431, but he withdrew in order to shoot on the United States five-man team in the International rifle match for the world championship September 6. Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Thurston, of New York, is Palma captain. He will appoint the coach.

Congratulated by Daniels.
Washington, August 30.—Secretary Daniels to-day congratulated the Navy Rifle Team, which is taking part in the matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, and which took second place in the skirmin run. Mr. Daniels sent this telegram to Lieutenant I. F. Dortsch, captain of the team:
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Within a week football candidates will be called by the colleges throughout the State for the higher journey from the baseball season to the football season and backwards. In the realm of sport it is a continually off with the old and on with the new. Virginia's candidates will be on the field this week. The name is true at the University of North Carolina. V. P. I. and Washington and Lee. Locally, Frank McMenamin, who started work on the Richmond College bunkies about September 15. The Blues will start training at once on the C. C. A. field, night practice being the order. The C. C. A. will put up new lights, so that the players can see what they are doing. The big Eastern and Western colleges start to the business of training.

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